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<u>IN THE UNITED STATIES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: METHOD OF PRODUCING A BIOSENSOR PROTEIN CAPABLE OF

REGULATING A FLUORESCENCE PROPERTY OF GREEN FLUORESCENT PROTEIN, AND THE BIOSENSOR PROTEIN PRODUCED BY THE METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office communication mailed December 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, prenumbered line 18, to page 11, prenumbered line 6, as follows:

- --[14] A biosensor protein comprising the following sequences (a) to (h) sequentially from the N terminus:
 - (a) Met-Gly-Thr or Met-Val-Asp (linker X);
- (b) a partial amino acid sequence of myosin light chain kinase protein (Ser-Ser-Arg-Arg-Lys-Trp-Asn-Lys-Thr-Gly-His-Ala-Val-Arg-Ala-Ile-Gly-Arg-Leu-Ser-Ser) [SEQ ID NO:6]